

# Gospel Bible Reading Challenge

A 31-Day Guide to the  
Harmony of the Gospels

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Preparation for remembrance and  
celebration of the Passion of the Christ.

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## Walking With Jesus through the Gospels

*Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock.* Matthew 7:24

Jesus Christ ends the Sermon on the Mount with these penetrating words and challenges the men and women of God to be Christians of action. Living out our faith in our culture can be difficult, but it is essential. We need to put our faith into action every day for two important reasons:

### Reason #1

The people of the world are in desperate need of salvation and need to see Christians authentically living out their faith. The world needs to see and hear people on fire for Jesus Christ – people who have experienced His grace, forgiveness, restoration, and salvation – driven to show the same kind of love, grace, and mercy.

### Reason #2

Living out our faith is essential in “finishing the race.” Christianity is more than saying a confession and being baptized, it is about living out a right relationship with Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior. One essential element for successfully living out authentic Christianity is reading the Word of God and applying it in our lives.

Over the next thirty-one days, grow deeper in your faith by reading the selected daily passages and write down observations that God has laid upon your heart.

This guide presents a “harmony of the Gospels,” which is a synchronized reading of Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John in approximate chronological order. This method allows a more easily comparison of the accounts.



This guide is adapted from the following resource.

Nevin, Alfred, and Blue Letter Bible; "Harmony of the Gospels," The Parallel Bible (Adapted by the Blue Letter Bible); Blue Letter Bible; 1 Mar 2002; 18 Feb 2010.

< [http:// www.blueletterbible.org/study/harmony/index.cfm? >](http://www.blueletterbible.org/study/harmony/index.cfm?)

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Living out authentic Christianity illustrates the Light of the World.

	Matthew	Mark	Luke	John
<b>Pre-Christ Narratives</b>				
 <input type="checkbox"/> Luke's preface			1:1-4	
<input type="checkbox"/> "God the Word"				1:1-14
<b>The Birth and Early Childhood of Christ</b>				
<input type="checkbox"/> Birth of John Baptist foretold			1:5-25	
<input type="checkbox"/> Announcing of the birth of Jesus			1:26-38	
<input type="checkbox"/> Mary visits Elizabeth			1:39-56	
<input type="checkbox"/> Birth of John the Baptist			1:57-80	
<input type="checkbox"/> Two genealogies	1:1-17		3:23-38	
				
<input type="checkbox"/> Birth of Jesus Christ	1:18-25		2:1-7	
<input type="checkbox"/> The watching shepherds			2:8-20	
<input type="checkbox"/> The circumcision			2:21	
<input type="checkbox"/> Presentation in the temple			2:22-38	
<input type="checkbox"/> The wise men from the East	2:1-12			
<input type="checkbox"/> Flight into Egypt, return to Nazareth	2:13-23		2:39	
<input type="checkbox"/> Christ in the temple			2:40-52	

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<b>The Baptism of Christ</b>				
<input type="checkbox"/> Ministry of John the Baptist	3:1-12	1:1-8	3:1-18	1:15-31
<input type="checkbox"/> Baptism of Jesus Christ	3:13-17	1:9-11	3:21, 22	1:32-34
<b>The Temptation of Christ</b>				
<input type="checkbox"/> The temptation	4:1-11	1:12, 13	4:1-13	
<b>The Early Ministry of Christ</b>				
<input type="checkbox"/> Andrew, another disciple, and Simon Peter				1:35-42
<input type="checkbox"/> Philip and Nathanael				1:43-51
<input type="checkbox"/> The marriage in Cana of Galilee				2:1-11
<input type="checkbox"/> Passover and cleansing the temple				2:12-25
<input type="checkbox"/> Nicodemus comes to Jesus by night				3:1-21
<input type="checkbox"/> Christ and John baptizing				3:22; 4:2
<input type="checkbox"/> Christ at the well				4:3-42
<b>The Ministry of Christ in Galilee</b>				
<input type="checkbox"/> John the Baptist in prison	4:12; 14:3	1:14; 4:17	3:19, 20	3:24
<input type="checkbox"/> Christ returns to Galilee	4:12	1:14, 15	4:14, 15	4:43-45
<input type="checkbox"/> The synagogue at Nazareth			4:16-30	



	Matthew	Mark	Luke	John
<input type="checkbox"/> Andrew and Simon, James and John called	4:13-22	1:16-20	5:1-11	
<b>Miracles of Christ</b>				
<input type="checkbox"/> The nobleman's son at Capernaum healed				4:46-54
<input type="checkbox"/> The demoniac in the synagogue healed	8:14-17	1:21-28	4:31-37	
<input type="checkbox"/> Simon's wife's mother healed	4:23-25	1:29-34	4:38-41	
<input type="checkbox"/> Circuit round Galilee	8:1-4	1:35-39	4:42-44	
<input type="checkbox"/> Healing a leper	8:18-27	1:40-45	5:12-16	
<input type="checkbox"/> Christ stills the storm		4:35-41	8:22-25	
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<input type="checkbox"/> Demoniacs in the land of the Gadarenes	8:28-34	5:1-20	8:26-39	
<input type="checkbox"/> Jairus' daughter; Woman healed	9:18-26	5:21-43	8:40-56	
<input type="checkbox"/> Blind men and demoniac	9:27-34			
<input type="checkbox"/> Healing the paralytic	9:1-8	2:1-12	5:17-26	
<input type="checkbox"/> Matthew the publican	9:9-13	2:13-17	5:27-32	
<input type="checkbox"/> Jesus questioned about fasting	9:14-17	2:18-22	5:33-39	
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<b>The Feast and Miracle at Bethesda</b>				
<input type="checkbox"/> The feast at Jerusalem				5:1
<input type="checkbox"/> The pool of Bethesda				5:2-15






	Matthew	Mark	Luke	John
<input type="checkbox"/> Jesus and the irate Jews				5:16-47
<b>Ministry and Parables</b>				
<input type="checkbox"/> Plucking ears of corn on the Sabbath	12:1-8	2:23-28	6:1-5	
<input type="checkbox"/> The withered hand; Miracles	12:9-21	3:1-12	6:6-11	
<input type="checkbox"/> The twelve apostles	10:2-4	3:13-19	6:12-16	
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<input type="checkbox"/> The sermon on the mount	5:1-7:29		6:17-49	
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<input type="checkbox"/> The centurion's servant healed	8:5-13		7:1-10	
<input type="checkbox"/> The widow's son at Nain			7:11-17	
<input type="checkbox"/> Messengers from John	11:2-19		7:18-35	
<input type="checkbox"/> Woe denounced to the cities of Galilee	11:20-24			
<input type="checkbox"/> Call to the meek and suffering	11:25-30			
<input type="checkbox"/> Anointing the feet of Jesus			7:36-50	
<input type="checkbox"/> Second circuit round Galilee			8:1-3	
<input type="checkbox"/> Parable of the sower	13:1-23	4:1-20	8:4-15	





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 <input type="checkbox"/> Parable of the candle under a bushel		4:21-25	8:16-18	
<input type="checkbox"/> Parable of the seed growing secretly		4:26-29		
<input type="checkbox"/> Parable of the wheat and tares	13:24-30			
<input type="checkbox"/> Parable of the grain of mustard seed	13:31, 32	4:30-32	13:18, 19	
<input type="checkbox"/> Parable of the leaven	13:33		13:20, 21	
<input type="checkbox"/> On teaching by parables	13:34, 35	4:33-34		
<input type="checkbox"/> The wheat and tares explained	13:36-43			
<input type="checkbox"/> The hidden treasure, the pearl, the net	13:44-52			
<input type="checkbox"/> His mother and His brethren	12:46-50	3:31-35	8:19-21	
<input type="checkbox"/> Reception at Nazareth	13:53-58	6:1-6		
<input type="checkbox"/> Third circuit round Galilee	9:35-38; 11:1	6:6		
<input type="checkbox"/> Sending forth of the twelve	10:5-42	6:7-13	9:1-6	
<input type="checkbox"/> Herod's opinion of Jesus	14:1, 2	6:14-16	9:7-9	
<input type="checkbox"/> Death of John the Baptist	14:3-12	6:17-29		
<input type="checkbox"/> Feeding of the five thousand	14:13-21	6:30-44	9:10-17	6:1-15
<input type="checkbox"/> Christ walking on the sea	14:22-33	6:45-52		6:16-21
<input type="checkbox"/> Miracles in Gennesaret	14:34-36	6:53-56		
<input type="checkbox"/> "The bread of life"				6:22-65





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	<input type="checkbox"/> The washed hands	7:1-23		
	<input type="checkbox"/> The Syrophenician woman	7:24-30		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Miracles of healing	7:31-37		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Feeding of the four thousand	8:1-9		
	<input type="checkbox"/> The sign from heaven	8:10-13		
	<input type="checkbox"/> The leaven of the Pharisees	8:14-21		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Blind man healed	8:22-26		
<b>Outside of Galilee</b>				
	<input type="checkbox"/> Peter's profession of faith	8:27-29	9:18-20	6:66-71
	<input type="checkbox"/> The passion foretold	8:30-9:1	9:21-27	
	<input type="checkbox"/> The transfiguration	9:2-10	9:28-36	
	<input type="checkbox"/> The coming of Elias	9:11-13		
	<input type="checkbox"/> The lunatic healed	9:14-29	9:37-42	
<b>Back in Galilee</b>				
	<input type="checkbox"/> The passion again foretold	9:30-32	9:43-45	
	<input type="checkbox"/> The fish caught for the tribute	17:24-27		
	<input type="checkbox"/> the little child	9:33-37	9:46-48	




	Matthew	Mark	Luke	John
<input type="checkbox"/> One casting out devils		9:38-41	9:49, 50	
<input type="checkbox"/> Offences	18:6-9	9:42-48	17:02	
<input type="checkbox"/> The lost sheep	18:10-14		15:4-7	
<input type="checkbox"/> Forgiveness of injuries	18:15-17			
<input type="checkbox"/> "Binding and loosing"	18:18-20			
<input type="checkbox"/> Parable of the unmerciful servant	18:21-35			
<input type="checkbox"/> "Salt with fire"		9:49, 50		
<b>Ministry in Jerusalem</b>				
<input type="checkbox"/> Journey to Jerusalem			9:51	7:1-10
<input type="checkbox"/> Fire from heaven			9:52-56	
<input type="checkbox"/> Answers to disciples	8:19-22		9:57-62	
<input type="checkbox"/> Teaching at the feast of tabernacles				7:11-53
				
<input type="checkbox"/> Woman taken in adultery				8:1-11
<input type="checkbox"/> Dispute with the Pharisees				8:12-59
<input type="checkbox"/> The man born blind				9:1-41
<input type="checkbox"/> The good shepherd				10:1-21
<input type="checkbox"/> Feast of the dedication				10:22-30
<input type="checkbox"/> Departure beyond Jordan				10:40-42





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<b>In Galilee</b>				
 <input type="checkbox"/> Mission of the seventy			10:1-16	
<input type="checkbox"/> The return of the seventy			10:17-24	
<input type="checkbox"/> The good Samaritan			10:25-37	
<input type="checkbox"/> Mary and Martha			10:38-42	
<input type="checkbox"/> The Lord's prayer	6:9-13		11:1-4	
<input type="checkbox"/> Prayer effectual	7:7-11		11:5-13	
<input type="checkbox"/> The blasphemous Pharisees reproved	12:22-37	3:20-30	11:14-23	
<input type="checkbox"/> The unclean spirit returning	12:43-45		11:24-28	
<input type="checkbox"/> The sign of Jonah	12:38-42		11:29-32	
 <input type="checkbox"/> The light of the body	5:15; 6:22, 23		11:33-36	
<input type="checkbox"/> The Pharisees	23:1-39		11:37-54	
<input type="checkbox"/> What to fear	10:26-33		12:1-12	
<input type="checkbox"/> Covetousness	6:25, 33		12:13-31	
<input type="checkbox"/> Watchfulness			11:32-54	
<input type="checkbox"/> Galileans that perished			13:1-9	
<input type="checkbox"/> Woman healed on the Sabbath			13:10-17	

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<input type="checkbox"/> The grain of mustard-seed	13:31, 32	4:30-32	13:18, 19	
<input type="checkbox"/> The leaven	13:33		13:20, 21	
<b>Towards and At Jerusalem</b>				
<input type="checkbox"/> Journey towards Jerusalem			13:22	
<input type="checkbox"/> The narrow door			13:23-30	
<input type="checkbox"/> Warning against Herod			13:31-33	
<input type="checkbox"/> Prophecy against Jerusalem	23:37-39		13:34, 35	
<input type="checkbox"/> Dropsy healed on the Sabbath day			14:1-6	
<input type="checkbox"/> Choosing the chief rooms			14:7-14	
<input type="checkbox"/> Parable of the great supper	22:1-14		14:15-24	
<input type="checkbox"/> Following Christ with the cross	10:37, 38		14:25-35	
<input type="checkbox"/> Parables of lost sheep, money, prodigal son			15:1-32	
<b>Parables of steward, rich man and Lazarus</b>				
<input type="checkbox"/> Parables of steward, rich man and Lazarus			16:1-31	
<input type="checkbox"/> Offences	18:6-15		17:1-4	
<input type="checkbox"/> Faith and merit	17:20		17:5-10	
<input type="checkbox"/> The ten lepers			17:11-19	
<input type="checkbox"/> Coming of the Kingdom of God			17:20-37	





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<input type="checkbox"/> Parable of the unjust judge			18:1-8	
<input type="checkbox"/> Parable of the Pharisee and the publican			18:9-14	
<input type="checkbox"/> Divorce	19:1-12	10:1-12		
				
<input type="checkbox"/> Infants brought to Jesus	19:13-15	10:13-16	18:15-17	
<input type="checkbox"/> The rich man inquiring	19:16-26	10:17-27	18:18-27	
<input type="checkbox"/> Promises to the disciples	19:27-30	10:28-31	18:28-30	
<input type="checkbox"/> Laborers in the vineyard	20:1-16			
<input type="checkbox"/> Death of Christ foretold	20:17-19	10:32-34	18:31-34	
<input type="checkbox"/> Request of James and John	20:20-28	10:35-45		
<input type="checkbox"/> Blind men at Jericho	20:29-34	10:46-52	18:35-43	
				
<input type="checkbox"/> Zaccheus			19:1-10	
<input type="checkbox"/> Parable of the ten talents	25:14-30		19:11-28	
<input type="checkbox"/> Raising of Lazarus				11:1-44
<input type="checkbox"/> Meeting of the sanhedrin				11:45-53
<input type="checkbox"/> Christ Departs to Ephraim				11:54-57

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	<input type="checkbox"/> The anointing by Mary <input type="checkbox"/> Christ enters Jerusalem <input type="checkbox"/> Cleansing the temple (second)	26:6-13 21:1-11 21:12-16	14:3-9 11:1-10 11:15-18 19:45-48	12:1-11 12:12-19
	<input type="checkbox"/> The barren fig tree <input type="checkbox"/> Exhortation to prayer and forgiveness <input type="checkbox"/> The questioning of the chief priests <input type="checkbox"/> Parable of the two sons <input type="checkbox"/> Parable of the wicked tenants <input type="checkbox"/> Parable of the wedding garment <input type="checkbox"/> The tribute money	21:17-22 6:14-15 21:23-27 21:28-32 21:33-46 22:1-14 22:15-22	11:11-14, 11:19-23 11:24-26 11:27-33 20:1-8 20:9-18 14:16-24 20:20-26	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Resurrection and marriage question <input type="checkbox"/> The great commandment <input type="checkbox"/> David's Son and David's Lord <input type="checkbox"/> The hypocrisy and ambition of the Pharisees <input type="checkbox"/> The widow's mite	22:23-33 22:34-40 22:41-46 23:1-39	12:18-27 12:28-34 12:35-37 12:38-40 12:41-44 20:27-40 20:41-44 20:45-47 21:1-4	

	Matthew	Mark	Luke	John
	<input type="checkbox"/> Christ's second coming foretold	24:1-51	21:5-36	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Parable of the ten virgins	25:1-13		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Parable of the talents	25:14-30	19:11-27	
	<input type="checkbox"/> The last judgment	25:31-46		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Greeks visit Jesus; Voice from heaven			12:20-36
	<input type="checkbox"/> The judgment of unbelief			12:37-50
	<input type="checkbox"/> Last passover; Conspiracy of Jews	26:1-5	22:1, 2	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Judas Iscariot	26:14-16	14:10, 11	22:3-6
	<input type="checkbox"/> The Lord's supper	26:17-30	22:7-23	13:1-35
	<input type="checkbox"/> Contention of the apostles		22:24-30	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Peter's denial foretold	26:31-35	22:31-39	13:36-38
	<input type="checkbox"/> Last discourse; departure; the Comforter			14:1-31
	<input type="checkbox"/> The vine and the branches; Abiding in love			15:1-27
	<input type="checkbox"/> Work of the Comforter in the disciples			16:1-33

	Matthew	Mark	Luke	John
<input type="checkbox"/> Christ prays for self and disciples				17:1-26
<input type="checkbox"/> Gethsemane	26:36-46	14:32-42	22:40-46	18:01
<b>The Betrayal and Trial of Christ</b>				
<input type="checkbox"/> The betrayal and arrest	26:47-56	14:43-52	22:47-53	18:2-11
<input type="checkbox"/> Christ before Annas and Caiaphas; Peter's denial	26:57, 58 26:69-75	14:53, 54 14:66-72	22:54-65	18:12-27
<input type="checkbox"/> Christ before the sanhedrim	26:59-68	14:55-65	22:66-71	
<input type="checkbox"/> Christ before Pilate	27:1, 2, 11-14	15:1-5	23:1-6	18:12-28
<input type="checkbox"/> Judas hangs himself	27:3-10			
<input type="checkbox"/> Christ before Herod			23:7-12	
<input type="checkbox"/> Accusation and condemnation	27:15-26	15:6-15	23:13-25	18:29; 19:16
<b>The Crucifixion and Burial of Christ</b>				
<input type="checkbox"/> Treatment by the soldiers	27:27-31	15:16-20	23:36,37	19:1-3
<input type="checkbox"/> The crucifixion	27:32-38	15:21-28	23:26-34	19:17-24
<input type="checkbox"/> The mother of Jesus at the cross				19:25-27
<input type="checkbox"/> Mockings and railings	27:39-44	15:29-32	23:35-39	
<input type="checkbox"/> The penitent thief			23:40-43	



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 <input type="checkbox"/> The death of Christ	27:50	15:37	23:46	19:28-30
<input type="checkbox"/> Darkness and other signs	27:45-53	15:33-38	23:44, 45	
<input type="checkbox"/> The bystanders	27:54-56	15:39-41	23:47-49	
<input type="checkbox"/> The side pierced				19:31-37
<input type="checkbox"/> The burial	27:57-61	15:42-47	23:50-56	19:38-42
<input type="checkbox"/> The guard of the tomb	27:62-66 28:11-15			
<b>The Resurrection and Ascension of Christ</b>				
 <input type="checkbox"/> The resurrection	28:1-10	16:1-11	24:1-12	20:1-18
<input type="checkbox"/> Disciples going to Emmaus		16:12, 13	24:13-35	
<input type="checkbox"/> Appearances in Jerusalem; Doubts of Thomas		16:14-18	24:36-49	20:19-29
<input type="checkbox"/> Appearance at the sea of Tiberias				21:1-23
<input type="checkbox"/> Appearance on the mount of Galilee	28:16-20			20:30, 31 21:24, 25
<input type="checkbox"/> Unrecorded works				
<input type="checkbox"/> The ascension		16:19-20	24:50-53	

Congratulations! You have completed the 31-Day J-Walking Harmony of the Gospels Bible Reading Challenge